











Applications of Inductors

Reduce rapid changes of current in circuits

Produce high voltages in automobile ignition.



## 21.1 RLC circuit

AC circuits RLC circuit Resonance

## AC Circuits

- Current changes with time
- Current is both positive and negative
- Voltage (V) and Current (I) are not always "in phase" – when the voltage is a max the current may not be a max
- <u>Only</u> for a resistor are V & I always "in phase" (voltage max occurs when current is max).



AC circuit with capacitors, inductors and resistor.

Resistors, capacitors and inductors react differently to time dependent voltages.

These components behave differently in an AC circuit.

We have seen this already for the capacitor, so we already know about R & C, just need to examine L

If the average voltages, currents and power are used then the relations for the between current, voltage and power are the same as for DC

$$V_{rms} = I_{rms}R$$

$$P_{rms} = I_{rms}V_{rms} = \frac{V_{rms}^{2}}{R} = I_{rms}^{2}R$$











A 10 microfarad capacitor is in an ac circuit with a voltage source with RMS voltage of 10 V. a) Find the current for a frequency of 100 Hz. b) Find the current for a frequency of 1000 Hz.

a) 
$$\Delta V_{C} = X_{C} I$$
$$I = \frac{\Delta V_{C}}{X_{C}} = \frac{\Delta V_{C} (2\pi fC)}{1}$$
$$I = 10(2\pi)(100)(10^{-5}) = 6.3 \times 10^{-2} A$$

b) The frequency is 10 x higher, the current is 10 x higher

I=10x6.3x10<sup>-2</sup>=6.3x10<sup>-1</sup>A





A inductor with L= 10<sup>-5</sup> H is driven by a 10 V ac source.  
a) Find the current at f=100 Hz.  
b) Find the current at f=1000Hz  
a) 
$$I_{RMS} = \frac{\Delta V_{L,RMS}}{X_L} = \frac{\Delta V_{L,RMS}}{2\pi fL}$$
  
 $I = \frac{10}{2\pi (100)(10^{-5})} = 1.6 \times 10^3 A$   
b) the frequency is 10x greater  
the current is inversely proportional to f  
the current is 10x less  
I=1.6x10<sup>3</sup>/10=1.6x10<sup>2</sup>A

















